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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

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In the claims:

Amend claims 1-18 as follows:

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An elevator comprising: 1.

a drive moving an elevator cabin running in an elevator shaft; and a counterweight in upward and downward directions in effective connection with a cable or fiat belt guided over cable sheaves,

wherein said elevator shaft is constructed of pre-assembled mounting frames and vertical guide elements fixed thereto.

2. The elevator as defined in claim 1, wherein the elevator has an elevator drive arranged within the elevator shaft and lifts and/or lowers the elevator cabin as well as a counterweight in said elevator shaft by at least one bending-flabby means guided over an arrangement of deflection sheaves and said drive is integrated into the arrangement of deflection sheaves as element deflecting said bending-flabby means.

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